

**Special channel for Oriya language**

1046. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to start a special channel in Oriya language;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total time available in this channel for News; and

(c) whether the News editing is from Bhubaneshwar or Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati have intimated that modalities are being worked out to launch a 24 hour Oriya Programmes Channel on Regional Language Satellite Service (RLSS) from DDK, Bhubaneshwar.

(c) News Bulletins will originate from Bhubaneshwar.

**Pending cases in Supreme Court and High Courts**

†1047. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases lying pending in Supreme Court and various High Courts in the country;

(b) the details thereof, court-wise/case-wise; and

(c) the effective steps being taken by Government for early disposal of outstanding cases?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) A Statement indicating case-wise details of cases pending in Supreme Court and High Courts is enclosed. (See below)

(c) Various steps have been taken by the Government to fill up vacancies of judges, to increase use of Information Technology in Courts, to simplify the procedure and speed up the disposal of cases on the basis of the advice and recommendations of expert bodies, like the Law Commission, the Malimath Committee etc. The Minister Law, Justice and Company Affairs has been addressing the High Courts periodically for filling up of vacancies of judges in

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the High Courts. The last such communication was made in February, 2001. Efforts are also being made to adopt alternative modes of dispute resolution, such as, arbitration, conciliation and settlement of cases through Lok Adalats.

**Statement**

*Number of cases pending in Supreme Court of India*

Admission matter (Actual number of files)	Regular Hearing matter	As on
8077	13523	5/7/2000

**No. of Civil and Criminal Cases pending in High Courts as on the date mentioned against respective High Courts**

Sl. No.	Name of the High Court	Civil	Criminal	As on
1.	Allahabad	709326	133630	9/2000
2.	Andhra Pradesh	148287	10245	9/2000
3.	Bombay	267707	25837	6/2000
4.	Calcutta	270620	37965	6/2000
5.	Delhi	156363	21823	12/1999
6.	Gauhati	35381	5174	9/2000
7.	Gujarat	122689	18809	3/2000
8.	Himachal Pradesh	11170	3013	9/2000
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	35750	1954	9/2000
10.	Karnataka	76541	5338	9/2000
11.	Kerala	319446	14803	9/2000
12.	Madhya Pradesh	75856	46808	9/2000
13.	Madras	322186	74846	6/2000
14.	Orissa	105368	10518	9/2000
15.	Patna	68935	18721	9/2000
16.	Punjab and Haryana	176478	43150	9/2000
17.	Rajasthan	105396	23607	9/2000
18.	Sikkim	117	36	12/2000